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Director of Central Intelligence
Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

Subject: Background for 15 May SCC Meeting
Concerning Charter Legislation

REFERENCE: Memorandum from Anthony A. Lapham
to DCI & DDCI, 22 January 1979,
[redacted] First Tab

At our brief meeting this afternoon, you requested a preliminary assessment of the case that could be mustered in support of the Administration's proposed charter authority to collect foreign intelligence from or concerning U.S. persons. The most complete description that now exists is included in the section entitled [redacted] contained at pages 20 through 30 of the SCC Issues Paper that was the first tab of the referenced OGC memorandum furnished to you prior to the 24 January SCC meeting on this subject. Both CIA and NSA contributed to that paper and attempted to bring together in it, in summary fashion, our best examples to support the need for authority to collect foreign intelligence that also concerns U.S. persons. Also enclosed is a copy of a Directorate of Operations memorandum concerning this subject and enclosing copies of our inputs to the SCC Issues Paper. At such time as the need to support such authority heightens, it may be advisable to task the DDO and NFAC to develop these and other examples more fully and formally.